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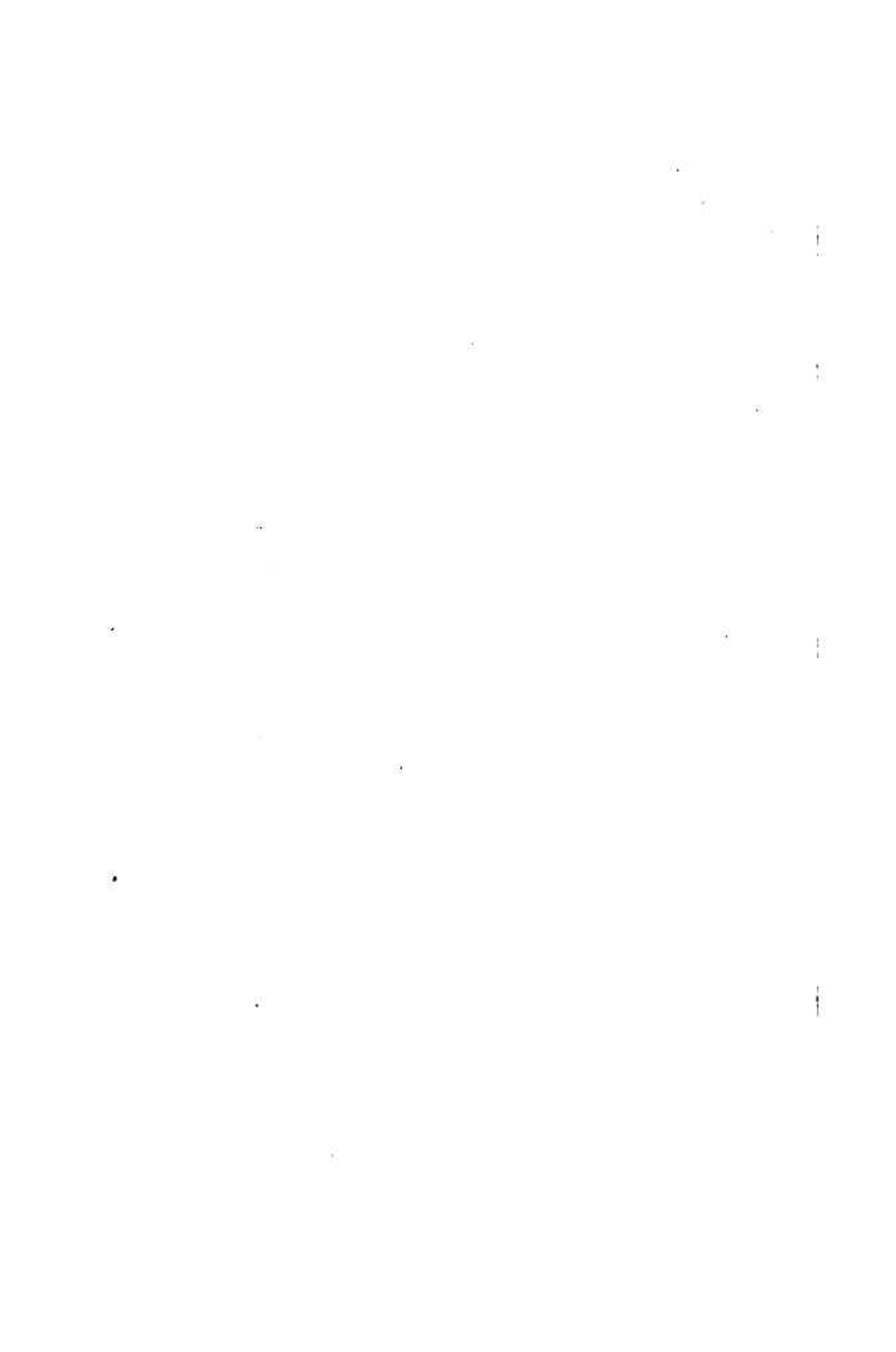


PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

THE unique position of our country in the late Spanish War, as defender of the oppressed, and evangel of liberty to all the peoples, the precious lives consecrated, the treasure expended to maintain that sacred trust, the prompt, heroic, and dazzling acts of the Navy, the brave, unselfish, and unparalleled achievements of the Army, the vivid exhibition of patriotism, the loyalty and self-sacrifice of the people, the intelligent, interesting, and humane work of the Red Cross Society, awoke the slumbering forces of national life, within our boundaries, hitherto indifferent to the world's progress.

The War of the Revolution left us united colonies, that of 1812 a united people; the Mexican War preserved and extended our frontiers; the Great Rebellion made us a nation; and the Spanish-American War has defined our place among the nations, in whose advance we are henceforth to participate. The fabled potency of Ithuriel's spear, in the Miltonic vision, pales before the complete and vigorous response of the